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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 4, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

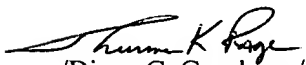
This patent expired on February 9, 2011, for failure to pay the eleven and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.


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